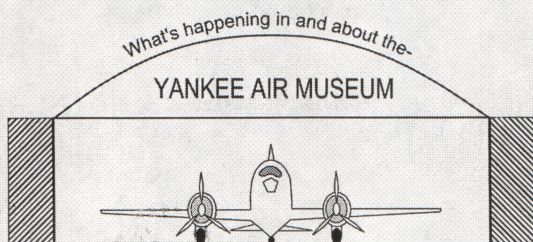
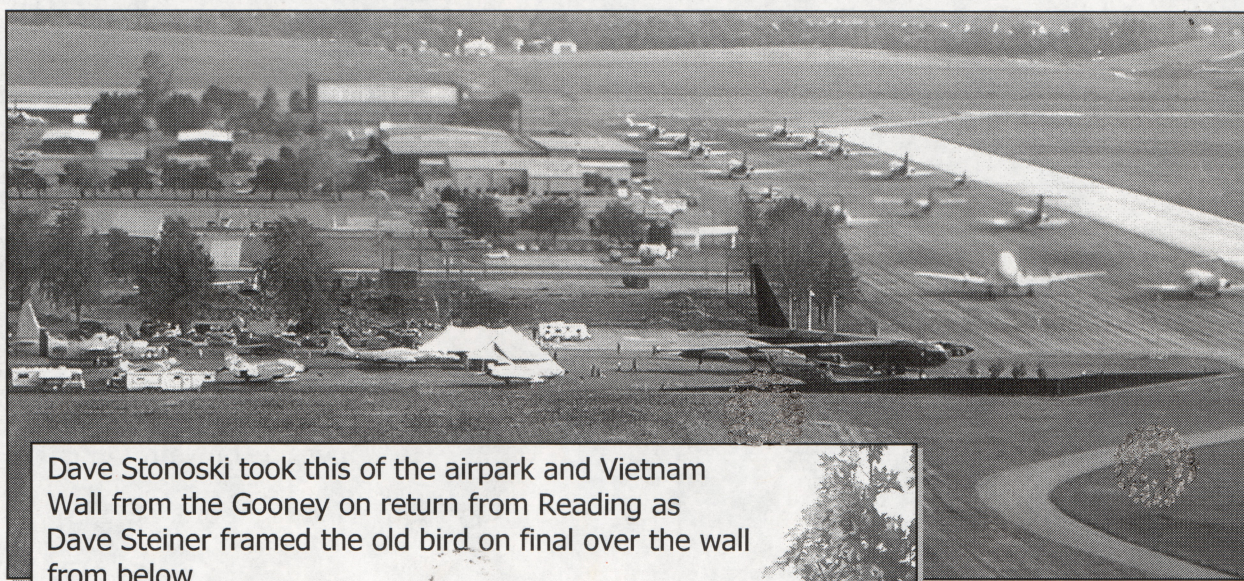


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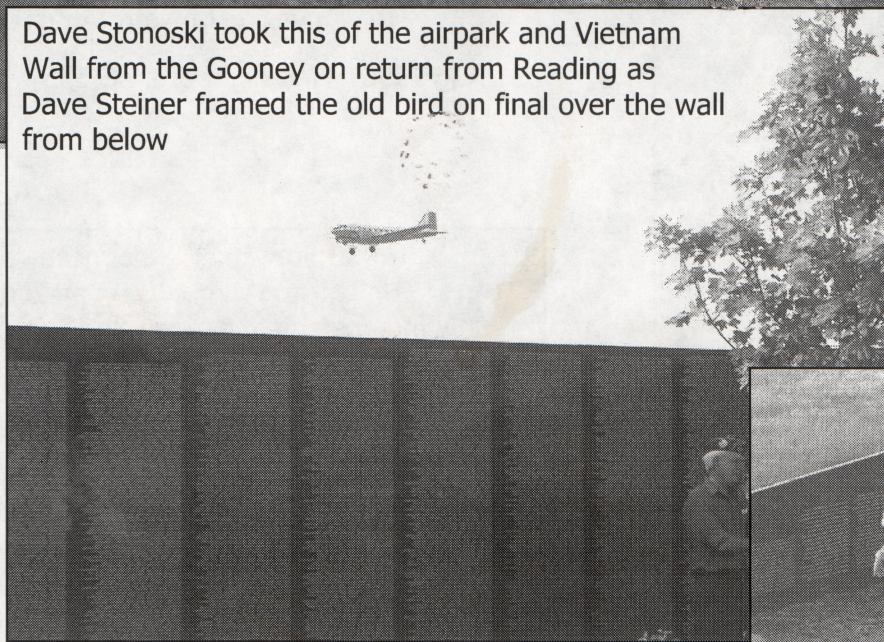


Hangar Happenin's

NOW, see hundreds of color pictures of THE WALL and much more by simply linking from our web site, www.yankeeairmuseum.org. Story on page 12



Dave Stonoski took this of the airpark and Vietnam Wall from the Gooney on return from Reading as Dave Steiner framed the old bird on final over the wall from below



Right - a visitor remembers photo Bob Campbell

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General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members & Guests Welcome

Flyable Aircraft Meeting
2nd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
Everyone Welcome

Board Meeting
3rd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members Welcome

Staff Meeting
4th Saturday of Month - 10:30 AM
All Department Chairs & Managers

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YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

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2 Aug 1990	Iraq invades Kuwait
5 Aug 1954	First operational flight of a B-52
6 Aug 1945	B-29 <i>Enola Gay</i> bombs Hiroshima
8 Aug 1990	First USAF F-15s arrive in Saudi Arabia to initiate <i>Desert Shield</i>
9 Aug 1945	B-29 <i>Bockscar</i> bombs Nagasaki
15 Aug 1945	V J Day: War with Japan ends
15 Aug 1957	General Nathan Twining named first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs
19 Aug 1940	First flight of a B-25
20 Aug 1942	12th Air Force activated for Invasion of North Africa
31 Aug 1956	First flight of a KC-135

No 50/50 winner announcement
HH went to the printer prior to our
July membership meeting due to the holiday

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BUT BETTER TO TURN IN ITEMS AUGUST 1ST OR BEFORE**



The Hangar 2 Report

by **Jon Stevens** L 4172 WR

For several years, we've had a relationship with the Historical Preservation department at Eastern Michigan University (EMU).

EMU Professor and YAM member **Lauren Sickles-Taves** has worked with Curator **Gayle Roberts**, coordinating the internship program with EMU Historic Preservation program students, and otherwise providing assistance and knowledge that support and strengthen the museum.

Now, through the efforts of Finance Committee Chairman **Bill Colwell**, YAM Vice President **Dick Stewart** and Membership Committee Chairman **Kim Wahtera**, we're expanding that relationship to the EMU College of Business (CoB).

David Mielke, CoB Dean, made a presentation to the Board of Directors in June that will have some very positive long-term benefits for us.

Over the next academic year (and hopefully beyond!), several CoB professors and their students will be working with us, taking a look at all aspects of our business practices.

Some of the areas, committees and departments initially identified are Artifacts and Collections, Events Planning, Finance, Flyable Maintenance, Fundraising, Grant Writing, Information Technology, Long Range Planning, Marketing, Membership, Re-



DAVE STONOSKI

tail, and Volunteer Coordination. Looking at these several areas of the museum, the goals will include identifying what we're already doing well, looking for areas of improvement, and how departments can better coordinate their efforts.

By doing so, we'll confirm some things that we already know. More importantly, we're likely to find and avoid potential problems.

Fresh eyes and perspectives will be doing a lot of this work. As

The potential here is tremendous for both parties. We'll gain fresh knowledge and perspectives, and the EMU CoB will gain new experience as well. If that's not the proverbial win-win situation, I don't know what is!

a result, they're much more likely to see and find things that those of us who've been around for a while wouldn't.

As an example of an identified need, we've used the same library management program for several years to manage our membership information. While the program has worked well enough, it isn't the easiest program to use. And, since it's no longer on the market, technical support isn't readily available.

EMU students will take a look at what we specifically need today, and by using currently avail-

able software, will create database files that will immediately meet our needs, and allow for easier changes in the future.

This in turn will make life easier for two departments. Membership will have easier access to their information, and the Information Technology group can spend their time on other projects.

Another area we want to look at is our retail sales. On our website's *Yankee Store* page, we offer shirts, hats, jackets and other apparel items. Currently, they can be ordered only by using a form that has to be printed out first. Simple enough, but that's using old technology, and a deterrent to sales.

Newer technology has allowed more and more retail sales websites to offer users the ability to enter their shipping and credit card information on-line, to both safely and quickly speed up the ordering process.

EMU will be looking into creating such an on-line order system for us. This way we'll appeal to those who want to make on-line purchases, while still allowing those who prefer to deal with the mail to do so.

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As always, if you've got anything you'd like to discuss, please feel free to call me at (734) 637-2117, or e-mail me at:

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UNTIL NEXT MONTH, LET'S KEEP TALKING, AND KEEP 'EM FLYING!

BOARD REPORT



15 June 2005
by **Dave Steiner**
edited by **Dick Stewart**

Call to Order 7:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

State of Purpose

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes: 18th May

EMU Business Partnership Discussion

Vietnam WALL weekend report

President's Report

Divisional Liaison Reports

Vice President's Report

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Board Members' Comments

All Members' Comments

Adjournment

AGENDA

EMU partnership

The Dean of the Eastern Michigan University College of Business David Mielke, was introduced by vice president **Dick Stewart**. Dick, along with other Yankee directors and department heads including **Bill Colwell**, **Kim Wahtera** have been having discussions with him and other faculty about getting EMU more involved with the Yankee organization for undergraduate and graduate student projects for the benefit of the museum.

EMU has a Service Learning Program designed to get students integrated into "real world" projects in the business world. They want to work with Yankee Air Museum in a variety of ways from data base enhancement and implementation for membership to finance, strategic planning, marketing and HR development. More than 20 of a faculty of 70 have expressed a desire to participate in such projects and nine have attended preliminary meetings this spring and summer. By August 1st or earlier, it is expected that a specific number of projects will be identified and courses or independent study programs developed to study those projects.

EMU will work within the YAM vision to help organize, identify and develop what they call functional tasks, with priorities assigned to those tasks. EMU has the resources in terms of experience, faculty and students, but they are not gurus. They will be looking to Yankee for guidance, and certainly YAF depart-

ment heads for help in identifying what needs to be done.

So be ready to work with these individual or groups of students who will be closely supervised and guided by EMU professionals. It promises to be a very rewarding partnership.

Vietnam weekend report

Randy Hotton, chair of the Vietnam Recognition Weekend Committee that brought in the wall reported that it was a resounding success in most respects, but the attendance at the symposium was about half what was needed to make the event a break even proposition financially. The 80% scale wall placed in front of the B-52 and the temporary landscaping by Belleville Greenhouses and Nursery made for a most dramatic setting. The people who brought the wall in commented that opening and closing ceremonies were the best they had ever seen, and the wall had never been displayed in an air park before. With an intensified marketing effort for the symposium aspect of the weekend, the Vietnam weekend event promises to be a worthwhile Yankee undertaking. Randy made several contacts for symposium speakers next year.

President's and Vice President's report and Michigan Aerospace Foundation

The B-17 was flown to Lansing May 25th for a meeting with the Michigan Aeronautics Commission and staff. Along with president **Jon Stevens**, **Dennis Norton** of MAF made the trip. The aircraft made for some great PR with the people who will be instrumental in making funding decisions regarding airport usage by the museum.

Dick Stewart advised that the airport authority has offered Yankee the remaining offices on the second floor of hangar two, so they obviously like what we've been doing. They are also working on the air conditioning in the offices.

Dennis Norton of MAF complemented Yankee volunteers at the hangar on how well visitors/potential donors who are brought to the museum are received and treated. It leaves a big impression on them to be accorded VIP like status. Well done all.

The new museum concept plan has been approved and the architects may be able to start looking at individual buildings this winter. MAF has given 30-

35 presentations the past few months (April through mid June) to prospective large donors. A 5000 name mailing is going out about every six months. Some of the money raised with that is being used to fund a larger campaign. A contract has been signed with a professional fund raising firm that has the expertise to pursue large donors.

Florida division

Kevin Walsh reported that the legality of three possible new names for what will eventually be an independent Florida museum is being looked into by YAF Florida legal counsel. Once a new name is decided upon, non-profit status application procedures can begin.

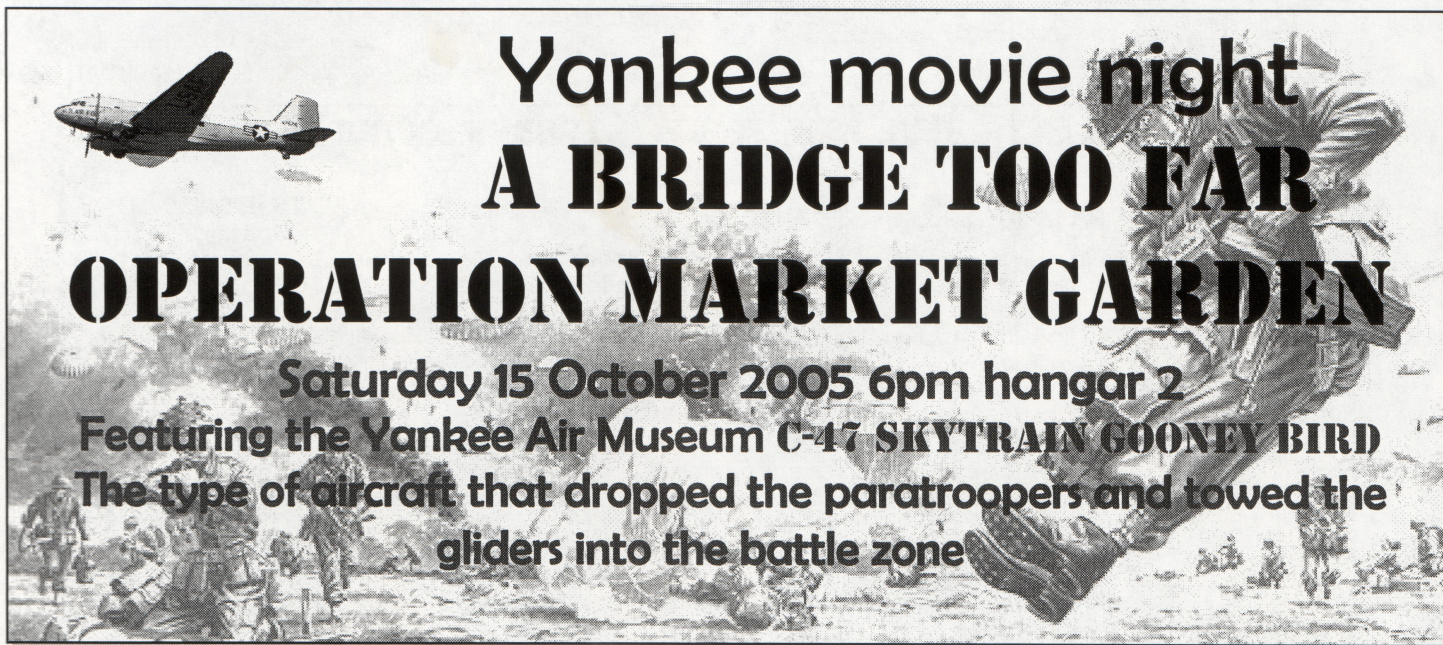
Secretary and Treasurer

Mary Jane Medlock says the insurance company has advised they cannot write a policy for the aircraft on loan in the air park unless a value is assigned and documented. **President Stevens** said he would so advise the NMUSAF and press them for those items.

Treasurer **Les Klima** reported that we lost only about \$2K in May, whereas last year Yankee lost \$76K, so we did much better this year. The Selfridge appearance (\$12K), Memorial Day (\$4K), and the aircraft in general all did very well in May, although all the figures are not yet in. The preliminary figures for the trips to NY and PA are very encouraging, with the airplanes bringing in a good deal of money including 197 FLEX rides in Reading for the B-17.

Who would have thought it?

During the general comments, **Randy Hotton**, Director of Flight Operations and board member observed that the airplanes are beginning their busiest flying season ever for air shows and member C-47 excursions (more trips have been added). Two Yankee events near the former museum site have already been undertaken and successfully completed by hardworking volunteers. Thunder 2005 promises to be as big and eventful as ever. Who would have thought that after the disastrous fire the evening of October 9th, 2004, that Yankee Air Museum would be operating at the level it is now? We are to be congratulated for a job well done, and it bodes well for the future of the Yankee Air Museum. Keep up the excellent work!



Yankee movie night

A BRIDGE TOO FAR

OPERATION MARKET GARDEN

Saturday 15 October 2005 6pm hangar 2

Featuring the Yankee Air Museum C-47 SKYTRAIN GOONEY BIRD

The type of aircraft that dropped the paratroopers and towed the gliders into the battle zone

On 17 September 1944 thousands of paratroopers jumped from C-47's similar to the Yankee Doodle Dandy up to 150 km behind enemy lines. Their goal: to secure two bridges across the rivers in Holland and in conjunction the vital ports of Holland making it possible for the Allied army to advance rapidly northwards and turn left into the lowlands of Germany. If implemented properly, the daring plan, code named Operation Market Garden, had the promise of ending the war by Christmas 1944.

This very large scale aerial assault, intended to be reinforced by ground troops and tanks, was not to succeed however. The paratroopers that survived were evacuated, and the war continued until spring 1945.

This special Yankee event will include a cast of re-enactors that will brief you before you jump into battle. As part of the experience the C-47 will be open for tours with re-enactors in full paratrooper gear demonstrating how these young men prepared to "jump and fight".

FREE pop and popcorn

Open to the general public. Those joining Yankee Air Museum on this movie night will have \$5 of their movie fee go towards membership fees.

See and read a great deal more about Operation Market Garden on this very interesting web site set up by a historian in Holland
www.RememberSeptember44.com

To make reservations for this event, complete and mail this form with your check payable to:
Yankee Air Museum - Movie Night, PO Box 590, Belleville, MI 48112-0590
 Call (734) 483-4030 for more information or to charge by credit card (\$10 min.)

Name _____ Phone () _____

Member seats _____ x \$5 = _____ Non-Member seats _____ x \$10 = _____ Total = \$ _____

To have tickets sent to you by mail include a self addressed stamped envelope, otherwise they will be held at the door

Saturday
 15 Oct 2005
 6:00 PM

2005 YANKEE AIR FORCE AIRSHOW SCHEDULE

As of June 21 2005
per **Todd Hackbarth**

2005 YANKEE AIR FORCE AIRSHOW SCHEDULE				
B-17!		Jly 28-31	EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2005	Oshkosh, WI
	C-47?	Aug 02	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield, OH
B-17! B-25!	C-47!	Aug 06-07	"Thunder Over Michigan" Airshow-FLEX	Willow Run, MI
B-17!		Aug 07	Cranbrook / Pontiac Flybys	11:30 BloomfldHls, MI
B-17!		Aug 13	Wurtsmith Div Static Display	-FLEX Oscoda, MI
B-17! B-25!	C-47!	Aug 14	Pontiac Airport Open House	-FLEX Waterford, MI
B-17!		Aug 14	Allen Park Flyby	14:00 Allen Park, MI
	C-47!	Aug 16-17	YAF member trip to NASM Museums	Dulles, VA
B-17!	C-47!	Aug 19-21	EAA Chapter 55 Static Display -FLEX	Mason, MI
	C-47?	Aug 23	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield, OH
B-17!		Aug 26-28	Indianapolis Airshow 2005	BA Mt Comfort, IN
	C-47?	Aug 30	member trip to new Kalamazoo Air Zoo	Kalamazoo, MI
B-17! B-25!	C-47!	Sep 02-05	Cleveland National Airshow	TB Cleveland, OH
	C-47?	Sep 07	YAF member trip to Sault Ste Marie	Slt ste Marie, MI
B-17!		Sep 09-11	Airport Static display - (VNW)-FLEX	Van Wert, OH
	C-47!	Sep 13	YAF member trip to Mackinac Island	Mackinac, MI
	C-47?	Sep 15	YAF member trip to Mackinac Island	Mackinac, MI
B-17!		Sep 16-19	NJ Aviation Hall of Fame dsply-FLEX	Teterboro, NJ
	C-47?	Sep 20	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield, OH
	C-47?	Sep 27	member trip to new Kalamazoo Air Zoo	Kalamazoo, MI
B-25?		Oct 08-09	Fall Color Tour Flights	Willow Run, MI
B-25?		Oct 15-16	Fall Color Tour Flights	Willow Run, MI
B-25?		Oct 22-23	Fall Color Tour Flights	Willow Run, MI

! Confirmed **?** Undetermined **FLEX** Flight Experiences **BA** US Navy *Blue Angels* **TB** US Air Force *Thunderbirds*

To participate as part of the crew at an airshow is a privilege, not an entitlement of Yankee Air Museum membership. There are only so many aircraft seats available depending on the number required for a crew. Crew members are chosen for the good of Yankee Air Museum and for the particular aircraft scheduled. Obviously, not everyone can go at the same time.

The **2005 Airshow Crew Sign-Up Request** forms are available in the Yankee office at Hangar 2. Completed request forms must be returned to **Dale Worcester**. Please do not request an airshow that has not yet been confirmed (! = confirmed, as indicated in the latest schedule above. Check the web site for the most recent information.

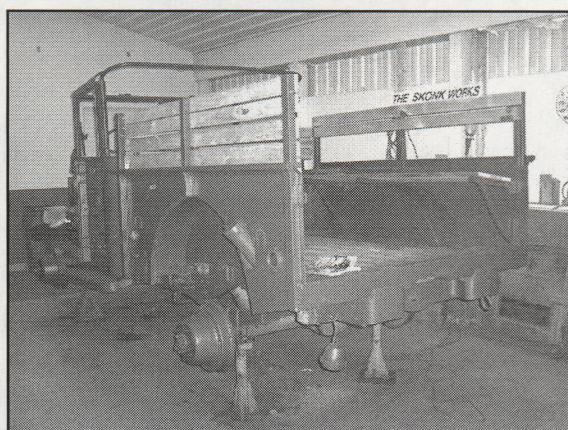
Dale Worcester

Airshow Aircrew Coordinator



Work on the M-37 continues

Les Kellogg and crew are making great progress on the M-37 at the temporary SKONK WORKS site, generously provided by Yankee member and GOLF WAR supporter **Dale Feigley** of Feigley Buick Oldsmobile in Milford. You will see this truck's companion in not such good repair at Thunder.



Connie's Corner - Connie Kosek

Hello! Remember, I told you that from time-to-time I'd drop by with an article*. I would like to share an experience with you. My husband Joe, Crew Chief of the late WACO Glider CG4A (destroyed in a fire last October), was cleaning out some old books in our basement left behind by our three daughters who are now married and "movin' on." He came across a paperback book all about the TV series M.A.S.H. 4077, the most popular series in TV history.



When Joe called our daughter Carolyn to tell her that he had found her book, she was so excited that she came right over. She asked me why I never watched M.A.S.H. again after the first few episodes. I told her that there were two series that I wouldn't watch

again: M.A.S.H. being one, as it gave a false view of the men and women in the Korean War. It showed most of them having fun. The other series was Hogan's Heroes, a "spin off" of the movie Stalag 17 that was all about the POWs in Germany. I told her that, "I've spoken to several GI's who were POWs and believe me, they didn't have fun or play games."

My husband listened to what I had to say to my daughter and said, "While that's true of the POWs, I know that during WWII, we GI's did many 'ordinary' things in order to keep up our morale." In 1944 while Joe was in NADZAB-LAE New Guinea, they played baseball and rugby with the Australian troops. They also put up and decorated a makeshift Christmas tree with homemade ornaments. For fun they even made grass skirts out of the silk material from used cargo parachutes.

There was a barber and a dentist in Joe's 433-troop transport group. So they set up two small tents - one for the barber and one for the dentist. The dentist had his own equipment, which included a treadle power drill. The patient provided the motion to the drill by pumping on a pedal similar to a Singer Sewing Machine. If it hurt too much, they would quit pumping, to the ire of the dentist who called them "chicken." These two young soldiers ran a service out of both tents knowing very well that the snipers were in the trees watching.

Yes, morale was important. Even Tokyo Rose helped the morale when she played good music. She meant to make the GI's lonelier and homesick, but actually it made the GI's want to go on, get the war over, and go back home. Tokyo Rose would actually warn the GI's (tonight the 433 group won't get any sleep). That was a warning taken seriously and the 433 unit was prepared when P'Call Charlie arrived and the bombs would fall.

So folks, when you see GI's in Iraq playing soccer or football, remember that they need that morale builder, even though they know a sniper is watching. So...bring on the M.A.S.H. reruns. I am now ready to watch them. But I'll still pass on Hogan's Heroes. (* Connie is a former HH columnist)

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CIRCLE B-17 hat or B-25 hat

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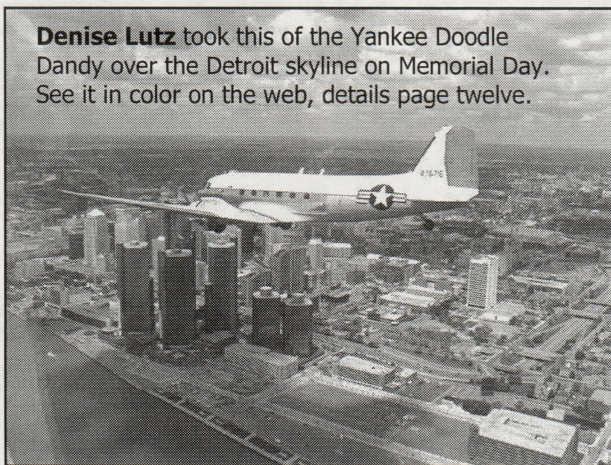
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Tuesday	August	2	Dayton OH	NMUSAF	\$110
Tues/Wed	OVERNIGHT	August 16-17	Washington DC	Udvar-Hazy Center + National Air & Space Museum	SOLD OUT
Tuesday	August	23	Dayton OH	NMUSAF	\$110
Tuesday	August	30	Kalamazoo MI	Kalamazoo Air Zoo	\$ 75
Wednesday	NEW	Sept 7	Sault Ste. Marie MI	Soo Locks	\$195
Tuesday	Sept	13	Mackinac Island MI	<i>Take your camera to catch the fall colors!</i>	SOLD OUT
Thursday	NEW	Sept 15	Mackinac Island MI	<i>Take your camera to catch the fall colors!</i>	\$165
Tuesday	Sept	20	Dayton OH	NMUSAF	\$110
Tuesday	NEW	Sept 27	Kalamazoo MI	Kalamazoo Air Zoo	\$ 75

Denise Lutz took this of the Yankee Doodle Dandy over the Detroit skyline on Memorial Day. See it in color on the web, details page twelve.



For more information about our destinations, check their websites!

Dayton www.wpafb.af.mil/museum

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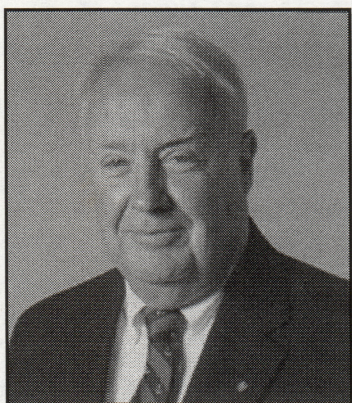
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Thank you members, ground crews and pilots!

Marketing Department Brian Higgins



The core of our present Marketing/Public Relations Department was founded about four years ago with **Brian Higgins** as Director, joined by **Bob Hynes** and **Roger Sherman**.

Bob has extensive experience in high profile radio and television and has a killer voice on the air waves. Now he heads PR. Roger is key person with

the local Viacom operation and has an extensive background in marketing and is now Associate Director of Marketing. All three either have graduate degrees in business administration and/or years of major league marketing experience.

Added to this group are four others: **Don Bracket** with his drive and vision, the design genius of **Kent Atchison**, the experience and savvy of former long-time Yankee treasurer **Nancy Lockwood**, and highly successful businessman **Al Brata**. New to the department are **Casey Hines** and **Jim Gannon**, making this one of the largest staff departments in YAM. The idea is to build the premier marketing department of any non-profit organization in Michigan by assembling a premier group of people.

In short, our job is to help grow the human and material assets of the Yankee Air Museum. To get there we first concentrated on public awareness of the museum. The next step was to get the public to visit and join our museum. Another goal was to get the attention and help of influential people in Michigan. It is critical that we have as large a membership as possible and that we have people with influence that can help us in time of need.

This has resulted in our being involved in the promotional aspects of membership recruitment and working with the dedicated **Kim Wahtera**, Membership Director. Membership is the life blood of any organization. Due to the technical nature of much of what

Yankee members do, we must also recruit replacements for those of us who are aging war horses. This has become one of our most serious potential problem areas. We all must train someone to replace us and know that the museum is in excellent hands. It can be hard on the ego, but excellent for the organization.

Our time of need came quicker than expected with the tragic hangar fire. We have had to change strategy in that visiting is no longer a prime goal other than for specific events. A prime job of marketing is to evaluate potential projects as to the potential for success. We can have a passion for an event but it

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must be one that interests a viable market group.

Once a project is decided upon by the officers and board, the marketing department then must figure out the most cost effective way to bring in the most interest and funds. Nothing

is more important than raising money for our new hangar as it is critical that we have our footprint firmly in place at Willow Run sooner rather than later.

Marketing the Yankee Air Museum has been a real pleasure because the product is excellent. Yes, the museum and its pristine aircraft is a product, but the real product is you and the membership who have done so much with so little in financial backing. It is truly a story of ordinary people doing the extraordinary. You are the story of American genius. It is the story of the American working man and woman at their best.

Next time:

Election Committee

Al Scotford

WWII Aviation Symposium

Maj. Gen. Richard Bodvcombe

USAF (Ret)

B-24 Liberator pilot
USAAF 15th Air Force 465th Bomb Group 782nd Bomb Squadron
19 combat missions crash landed on the island of Vis, Yugoslavia

Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson

USAF (Ret)

P-51 Mustang pilot
USAAF 15th Air Force 332nd Fighter Group "Tuskegee Airmen"
18.5 combat missions shot down 12 Aug 1943 France became POW

1st Lt. Robert J. Shoens

USAAF

B-17 Flying Fortress Pilot
USAAF 8th Air Force 100th Bomb Group 351st Bomb Squadron
28 combat missions B-17G 42-31767 "EP E" "Our Gal Sal"

1st Lt. John A. Clark

USAAF

B-17 Flying Fortress Copilot
USAAF 8th Air Force 100th Bomb Group 418th Bomb Squadron
32 combat missions

Send checks or money orders only to

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Attn: Mike Luther

PO Box 590

Belleville MI 48112-0590

75% sold out at press time June 27

**Checks payable to
Yankee Air Museum/Symposium**

\$65 per person in advance

Tickets, if available, will be held at the door or must be picked up at hangar 2

Name _____

Street Address _____

Ask Mike about special tables 2nd row

City _____

State _____

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SEATING STRICTLY LIMITED!!

_____ x \$65/ ticket = _____

Number of tickets _____

Total enclosed _____

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The symposium will be held in the **MARLIN AIR** hangar on the east side of Willow Run Airport. The **Marlin** hangar is approximately 1000 ft directly south of the old Hangar. ***There will not be access from the ramp!*** To get to the symposium it will be necessary to exit the ramp, go south on Third St. or along the line of buildings and enter Marlin Air from the east side. Due to the size of the facility, we are limited to 400 guests, designated seating, first sold, first seated. The earlier tickets are purchased, the closer to the stage you will sit! *Ask Mike about purchasing an entire table.*

Saturday evening August 6th

5:30pm.

**Your ticket also admits you to the
air display BOTH days**



Saturday and Sunday Photo tours 7am - details on Yankee web site

**Plenty of flybys to see on
arrival day August 5th**

**See the B-17's and other aircraft take off for their
media flights. View the aircraft as they make their
orientation/practice flights for the weekend events.**

**Only \$10 per person
(no discounts or advance purchases)**

Gates open from 9am-4pm

Absolutely NO admittance to the ramp!

No rainchecks. No exceptions.

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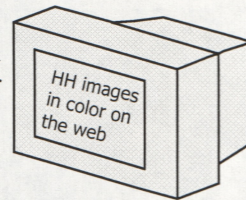
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See the web site www.yankeeairmuseum.org for FAQ's

Hangar Happenin's pictures in color and more of them on the web

Yankee member Dwight Koslowski makes it happen

One thing that dismays us as we lay photos into HH is that often they lose a great deal of beauty in the transition from color and just are not as interesting when seen in black and white. Enter **Dwight Koslowski**. A Yankee Air Museum Member (and now keeper of the official Yankee Gallery online photo album and new HH staffer) Dwight has created a Yankee Air Museum Members photo gallery. It can be found on the web at this address: http://public.fotki.com/Kos/members_photo_galle. No need to bookmark that on your browser however. **Tim Nickell** and the Yankee IT gurus have made a connection from our site, www.yankeeairmuseum.org, to Dwight's site, just click on the link and it takes you directly to Dwight's really neat site. Don't have a computer or access to the internet? You can just go to your local library and use the machines to access the site. You really have to take a look at Dwight's site and the thousands of images he has.



Dwight stores images on his web site, (he has 27,000+ there already) and has made available to HH and the Yankee membership what may well be the greatest improvement in HH since its inception. Now you will be able to see in **FULL COLOR** the many extraordinary and beautiful images printed in HH. Not only that, with unlimited space on the web site, dozens of images that HH does not have space for can be posted. Keep reading, it gets better.

Do you have photos of which you're especially proud? Photos from air shows, our annual events, or just hangar shots? Would you like to share them with others? You can send your photos to Dwight to post on his site for Yankee members and the general public to see and enjoy. Send your *best* pictures, individually, or if from an event, they may be grouped and sent as an album (again just the most interesting shots, no dots of airplanes in the sky). Keep the file sizes to about 1MB

Photographs, in .jpg format, can be submitted to Dwight via e-mail. They will be uploaded to the site, which is open to the general public. He can also accept .jpg photos on discs. Do you have some old prints? Dwight can scan a limited amount and include those as well. Drop them off at the Hangar Happenin's office. They will be returned after scanning, but please include a self addressed stamped envelope with sufficient postage on it if you want them mailed back. *There is absolutely no charge to have your photos placed in the Photo Gallery.*

Each photo also has a space for a caption, or narrative. All photos will be credited and display a copyright for the original photographer. Send photographs, or questions to Dwight at: D2Kos@Comcast.net

"I had thousands of photos that I have taken at various air shows and auto shows over the past 30 years. I had shoe boxes full of photos. I thought that putting them on the Internet would be a good way of organizing them, and putting them where they could be seen. I thought of all of the people with cameras that come to the museum, and how much I'd like to see their pictures. I thought this web site could serve as a photo bulletin board for all of us to share our pictures"

Thanks Dwight for a great service to Yankee members. It's not HH in color, but pretty close and more images too!

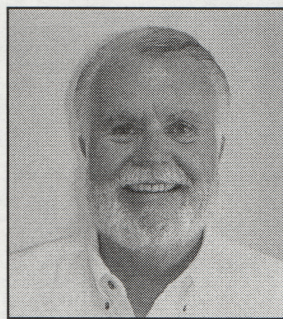
Board and officers election

Self nomination forms for those wishing to run for Yankee elected positions this fall are available from election chair, **Al Scotford**.

zekezypt@netscape.net
(313) 386-2094, or call the Yankee desk (734) 483-4030 and leave a message for Al to call you.

Deadline Aug 13th

WANT SOMETHING TO DO ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHAT? NEED SOMETHING DONE ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHO?



Don Brackett is our Volunteer Coordinator. Contact Don to see how your unique talents and skills can help Yankee Air Museum rebuild, grow and succeed!

(248) 425-2855
donb-38@sbcglobal.net

If you have a job to be done, Don suggests that you write up a brief description of what you need done, when, how long it might take, and any special skills that might be required.

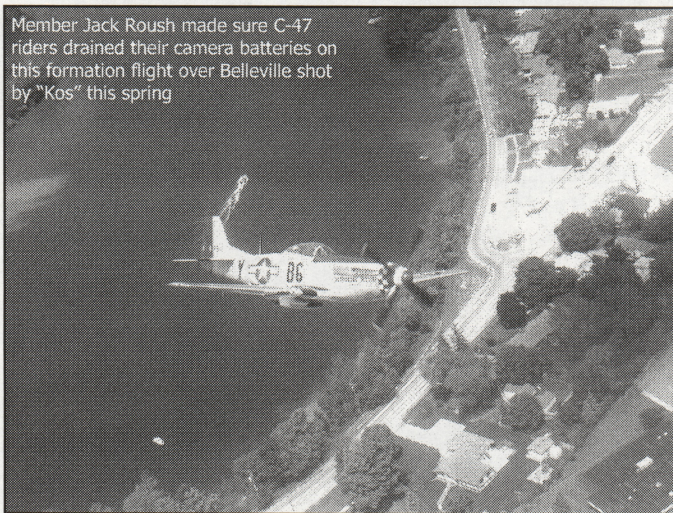
Don will match a volunteer to the job!

A sampling of images from Dwight Koslowski's web site. Awesome in color!

Blackbird take off Okinawa - Dwight Koslowski



Member Jack Roush made sure C-47 riders drained their camera batteries on this formation flight over Belleville shot by "Kos" this spring



This young man had been afraid to board the B-17 for a flight in Reading last year. **Dale Worcester** got this picture of him getting ready for "bombs away" about fifteen minutes into the flight. Quite a different demeanor than when the flight started, wouldn't you agree?

Yankee Air Museum Staff

I attended the Air Show on Saturday in Reading PA. with my soon to be 3 year old son. We went primarily to fulfill a life long dream of mine to see and touch (and someday ride in a B-17☺). Not only did we see and touch the plane – we were able to go through the plane. It was truly a dream come true for me to experience the plane and share it with my son. The crew were so generous answering questions and even helping my young son get situated in the plane for pictures as well as helping him get in and out of the "fortress". And to see that beautiful plane take off and fly around the Reading area was truly breath taking.

Next year I'll have the money to take a ride !!!! ☺

THANK YOU !!!!

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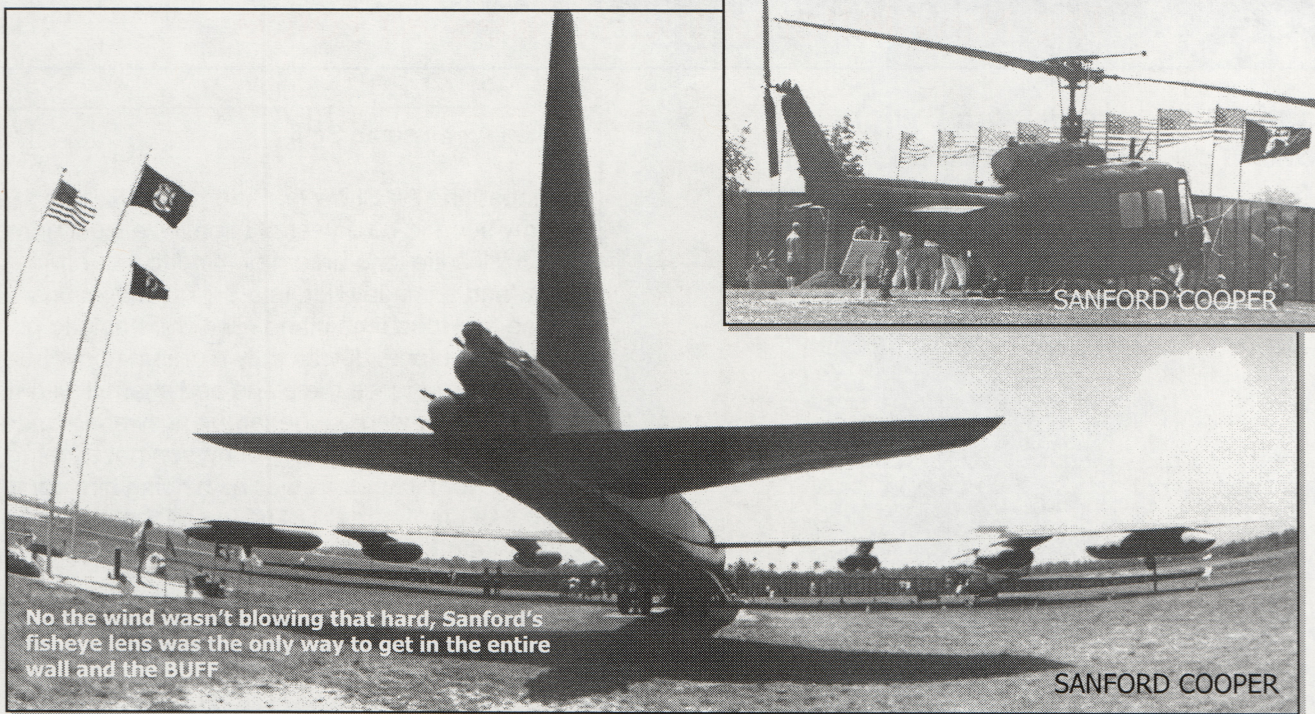
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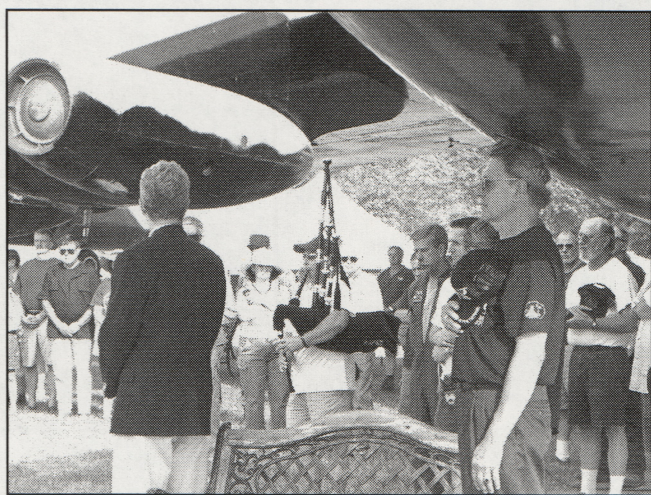
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No the wind wasn't blowing that hard, Sanford's fisheye lens was the only way to get in the entire wall and the BUFF

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Dave Steiner

More images from the Vietnam Wall

Left, a bag piper played *Amazing Grace* to finish the closing ceremony. **Dwight Koslowski** has dozens of images of the building of the wall and the ceremonies on his web site. See them in full color. Details on page twelve.



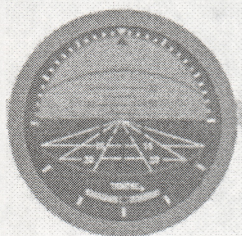
Elaine Evans, Patti Smart, Lynn Baginski, women pilots and members of the 99's, spend a lot more time flying than playing golf, and that's a good thing

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We hope to
see the 99's
at the
Yankee
GOLF WAR
Sept 7th



The GDAC 99's web site is www.greaterdetroit99s.org. Find out more about women in aviation in the Detroit area.



ON THE HORIZON

AIR PARK

East side of Willow Run Airport
at Beck & Ecorse Roads

HANGAR

Southwest side of Willow Run Airport
in Hangar 2

www.yankeeairmuseum.org



AUGUST

1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Tues. Yankee Member **Air Gooney** excursion - see page 8
Friday Aug 5th Arrival Day for Thunder over Michigan - only \$10 to watch from the air park
Saturday-Sunday **Thunder Over Michigan**
August 6th-7th *60th Anniversary of the End of World War II*
Plenty of "HEAVY METAL" and 75,000+ HORSEPOWER on the ramp!

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday
September 7th First Yankee Member **Air Gooney** flight to the Soo Locks - see page 8
Wednesday
September 7th Yankee **GOLF WAR** scramble fundraiser
Details on back page. Get your entry in by Aug 10th to be eligible for the B-17 ride door prize drawing (and save \$10 on your entry fee) Non members welcomed and encouraged!
2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesdays Yankee Member **Air Gooney** excursions - see page 8
Sept TBA Volunteer appreciation day

OCTOBER

Saturday
October 15th YANKEE movie nights resume! **A Bridge Too Far** 6pm hangar 2
Featuring the **YANKEE DOODLE DANDY C-47 SKYTRAIN "GOONEY BIRD"**
STAND UP!...HOOK UP! Free Pop and Popcorn
Tickets on sale! Members \$5, non-members \$10, (instant rebate when you join)

NOVEMBER

Friday
November 11th Veteran's Day movie fest - movies all day long at H-2 FREE

PLEASE PHONE FOR DETAILS (734) 483-4030. WATCH FOR UPDATES AT www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

Hangar Happenin's



YANKEE AIR FORCE GOLF WAR

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Have fun and raise money for the
YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

**SEPT. 7TH WEDNESDAY
10 AM - SHOTGUN START**



You needn't be a great golfer, just Plane crazy! Non-members encouraged and welcomed!

\$50 entry fee per person covers 18 holes scramble (best ball) golf w/ cart (seniors 60+ only \$45) **

Entry into door prize drawings and hole events

Lunch at the turn underwritten and YAF GOLF WAR 2005 balls provided by FEIGLEY BUICK

Enter by Aug 10th to be included in the B-17 Bomber Ride drawing that will be held as part of this event

**** [entry fee increases to \$60 & \$55 after Aug 10]**

Information: (734) 483-4030 or (734) 645-1150

Send your check to: YAF GOLF WAR, PO Box 590, Belleville, MI 48112-0590

**Pine View Golf Course, Stony Creek Rd @ Textile, south of Ypsilanti,
take I-94 to Huron St., exit 183 south, phone (734) 481-0500, formerly McEnnon Airfield! www.pineviewgc.com**

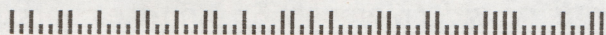
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